



Your
secret...?

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EMA TOYAMA

AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS

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AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS

CHARACTERS

BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS



TAIKI
IWASE

The Team Captain, who lives
and breathes basketball. High
School 2nd Year.



TSUYOSHI
OKAMOTO

Often the butt of jokes.
High School 2nd Year.



RYOSUKE
KAZANUMA

The intellectual
Vice-Captain. High School
2nd Year.



NAO
INOHARA

Aoba's best friend. High
School 1st Year.



KYOKO
MATSUMAE

Manager. High School
1st Year.



MARIA
SAKURADA

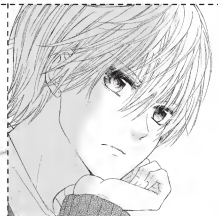
Mayo's aunt.
She runs the "Listening
House."



MAYO SAKURADA

A quiet girl who isn't good at talking to people.
In order to conquer her weaknesses, she starts a
part-time job at a Listening House as a person
who listens to other people's worries.
She joined the basketball team as a manager in
order to understand Aoba's worries.

Listening House
Mode



KOTA AOBA

The basketball team's star player
who's popular with the girls, he went to the
same junior high school as Mayo.
He seems to be hiding a worry that he
can't share with anyone.
He's Mayo's first customer at the
Listening House.

STORY

Mayo angers Aoba after he finds out that she
is the girl from the Listening House.

When Aoba says that he won't attend the game, Mayo lies to
him and gets him to go to the venue of the match.
Seeing Aoba's face come alive as he plays basketball, Mayo's
desire to "relieve Aoba-kun of his worries" grows stronger...

C O N T E N T S

t i m e . 5

YOU REALLY DID YOUR BEST.

5

t i m e . 6

I WONDER WHY.

43

t i m e . 7

I LIKE EVERYONE.

76

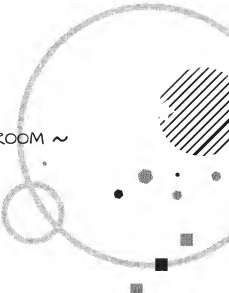
t i m e . 8

FOR ME.

115

EXTRA STORY:
~ ONE DAY AT THE LOCKER ROOM ~

154





184

172

184

180

192

time. 5

YOU REALLY
DID YOUR BEST.

15



ONE
WEEK
FROM
THAT
MATCH
...

はな
はな RATTLE



70
71
72



MAY

WE WON
AGAINST OUR
RIVAL, SO
LET'S WIN THE
PREFECTURAL
ROUND AND
SET OUR
SIGHTS ON
NATIONALS
THIS YEAR!

YEAHHH!

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS

EVERY
YEAR, OUR
SCHOOL
HAS NEVER
MADE IT
PAST THE
PRELIMI-
NARIES...

IT'S THE
SUPER-
VISOR. WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
SINCE THE
GAME...

EVEN SO,
ROBA-KUN
CAME TO
PRACTICE.

HE HATES
ME...AND
I'M IN
NO POSI-
TION TO
EASE HIS
WORRIES,
BUT...

I'M
GLAD
THAT I
GOT HIM
TO PLAY
IN THE
GAME...

HMP? I
WONDER
WHAT
THAT
PAPER
IS.

RUSTLE

フ
フ
CHEER
CHEER
YOU WERE
AMAZING!

MM...

ROBA,
WITH YOUR
GAME-
CHANGING
BASKETS,
WE HAVE A
SHOT AT
NATIONALS.

わあ
CHEER



"RE-SIGN" ?



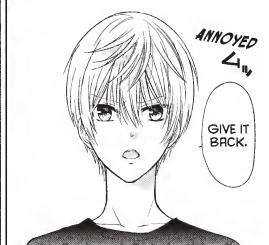
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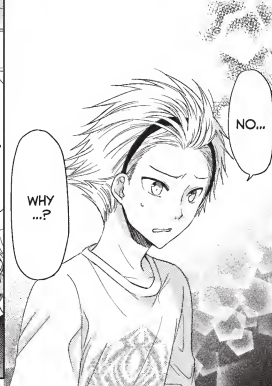
SWIPE

SUPERVISOR,
I HAVE
SOME-
THING TO S-





ROBA,
HELP OUT
TSUYOSHI,
WILL
YOU?



NO...

WHY
...?



IT
NOTICED
HOW
GASSED
OUT YOU
GOT
IN THE
GAME.

!!

WE
WON'T
MAKE IT
PAST THE
FINAL
ROUND
LIKE
THAT.



WHAT
ARE YOU TALK-
ING ABOUT?
YOU REALLY
SHOULDN'T BE
SO ARROGANT
WHEN YOU'RE
ALREADY
SHORT!

DON'T
TALK
ABOUT
MY
HEIGHT!



NO!!

NO
WAY AM I
GONNA BE
COACHED
BY A
FIRST-
YEAR!!

TSUYOSHI
OKAMOTO
BORN

FEBRUARY 14TH

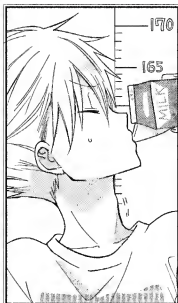
BLOOD TYPE: B

HEIGHT: 172CM

FAVORITE FOOD:

SPICY RAMEN

OKONOMIYAKI



6:30AM

HIS MORNING RITUAL:
CHUG A LITRE OF MILK

Huh
?!

You go
get it!

Tsuyoshi!
Bring me
the news-
paper!

He has a
beautiful
but
scary
older
sister.

It's
kick



WELL,
ALL WE
CAN DO
IS LEAVE
HIM BE.

MUMBLE

もぐ

U...
UH...

MUMBLE

もぐ

YOU'RE
FIRED.



THE TEAM
CAPTAIN DID
SAY THAT
AOBA-KUN
PLAYS
BASKETBALL
FOR HIS
FRIENDS...

SO HE
WON'T
TURN
DOWN
HIS
FRIEND.

LET'S
HURRY...



GASP
!!
!!

I
THOUGHT
SHE'D BE
MEEKER,
BUT...

...LOOKS
LIKE SHE
ISN'T.

THAT
NEW GIRL
IS INTER-
ESTING,
ISN'T SHE?

KYO-
SUKE?

I'M ONLY
THINKING
ABOUT
AOBA-KUN'S
WORRIES
AGAIN!







YOU'RE
TALL,
TALENTED,
GOOD AT
BASKET-
BALL...

...AND
EVERY-
THING
COMES
EASY
FOR YOU.



GRIP
FIRM,



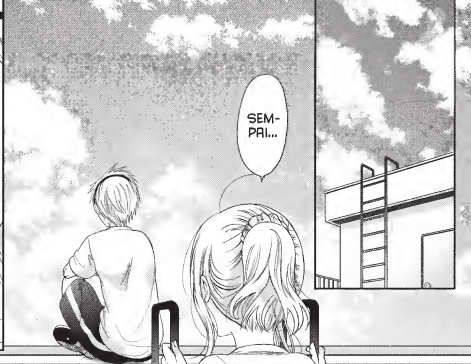
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE...

YOU
PROB-
ABLY
DON'T
HAVE A
CARE
IN THE
WORLD!











...BUT
I'D LIKE
TO.

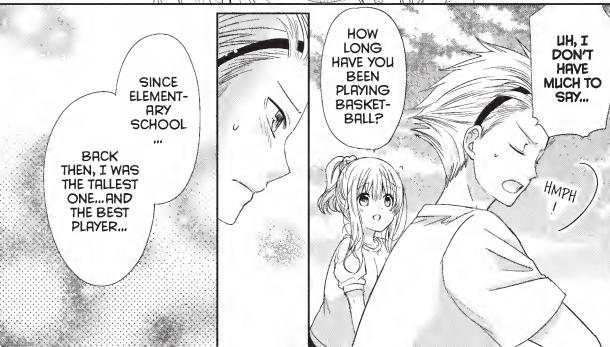


I...
DON'T...
KNOW MUCH
ABOUT YOU,
TSUYOSHI-
SEMPAI...

WHAT?



I WANT
TO...HEAR
YOU OUT.



SINCE
ELEMENT-
ARY
SCHOOL
...

BACK
THEN, I WAS
THE TALLEST
ONE...AND
THE BEST
PLAYER...

HOW
LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN
PLAYING
BASKET-
BALL?

UH, I
DON'T
HAVE
MUCH TO
SAY...

HMPH
!

IT
PISSES ME
OFF, TO BE
HONEST.



ROBA AND
NAO...THOSE
GUYS ARE
184CM, AND
THEY'RE GOOD
AT BASKET-
BALL.

BUT
NOW, I DRINK
THREE LITERS
OF MILK
EVERY DAY
AND STILL
DON'T GET
ANY TALLER.

CREAK



IS
IT ROBA-
KUN WHO
PISSES
YOU OFF?



IT'S MY
FAULT.

BLUSH





**NO!!
I PISS
MYSELF
OFF
BECAUSE
I'M SO
PATHETIC
!!**



UH..
**NO. I
JUST
THINK THE
SUPER-
VISOR
HAS HIS
REA-
SONS.**

**HUHP
ARE YOU
TAKING
PITY ON
ME?**

**I
DON'T
THINK
SO...**

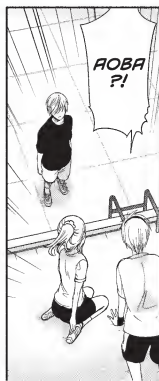
**IT'S
PATHETIC
TO BE SO
WORTHLESS
THAT YOUR
KOHAI HAS
TO TAKE
CARE OF
YOU!**



THERE ARE A LOT OF TALL PEOPLE, BUT YOU WERE PICKED TO PLAY IN THE GAME, TSUYOSHI-SEMPAI.

YOU SAYING YOU'RE WORTHLESS...

...SHOWS HOW LITTLE YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF.



AOBA
?!

THEN, SEMPAI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO FACE OFF AGAINST ME?



I...
UH...

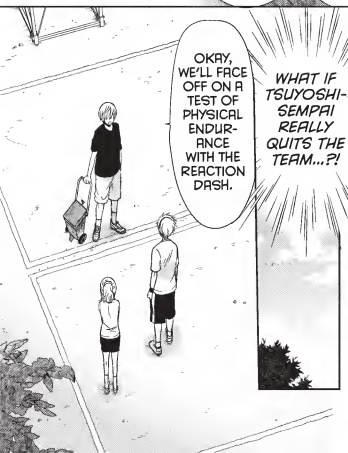
カチン
KA-CHING



FINE!
YOU'RE
ON!

THE TEAM
DOESN'T
NEED
SOMEONE
WHO USES
THEIR
HEIGHT
AS AN
EXCUSE.

IF YOU
LOSE TO
ME, THEN
QUIT THE
TEAM.



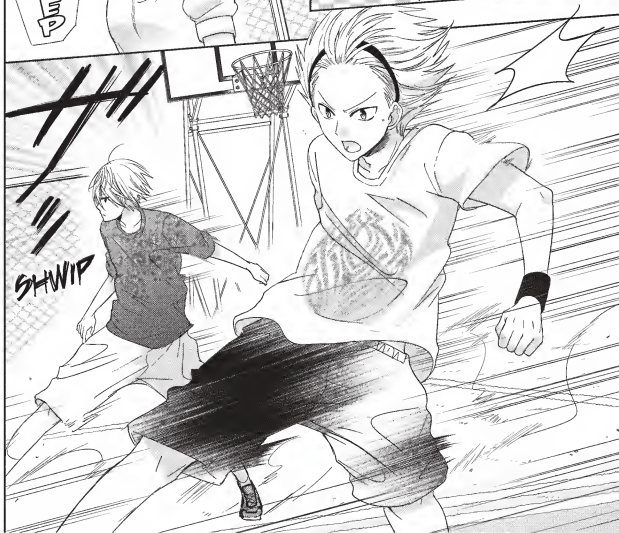
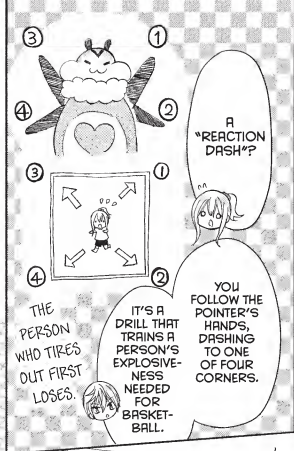
OKAY,
WE'LL FACE
OFF ON A
TEST OF
PHYSICAL
ENDUR-
ANCE
WITH THE
REACTION
DASH.

WHAT IF
TSUYOSHI-
SEMPAI
REALLY
QUITS THE
TEAM...?!



AOBA-
KUN,
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

BUT
AOBA-
KUN'S
BETTER AT
BASKET-
BALL...



THIS
MUST BE
TOUGH
TO CON-
TINUE...

WOW...
THEY'RE
BOTH
SO
FAST!

NO,
DUH
!!

DON'T
EASE
UP
NOW!

THOSE
GUYS...

ISN'T
TSUYOSHI-
SEMPAI
AT A DISAD-
VANTAGE?

WHAT?
AOBA AND
TSUYOSHI
ARE FAC-
ING OFF
AGAINST
EACH
OTHER?

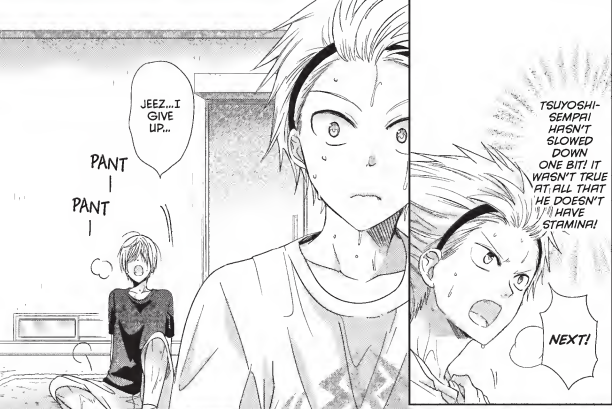
...TAKING
THIS EVEN
MORE
SERIOUSLY
THAN THE
GAME.

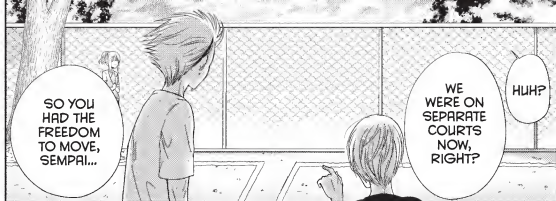
AOBA-
KUN
IS...

WASTE

FOR
TSUYOSHI-
SEMPAI...

SHWIP





SO YOU
HAD THE
FREEDOM
TO MOVE,
SEMPAI...

WE
WERE ON
SEPARATE
COURTS
NOW,
RIGHT?

HUH?



I ALSO
DON'T
THINK
YOU'RE
WORTH-
LESS.



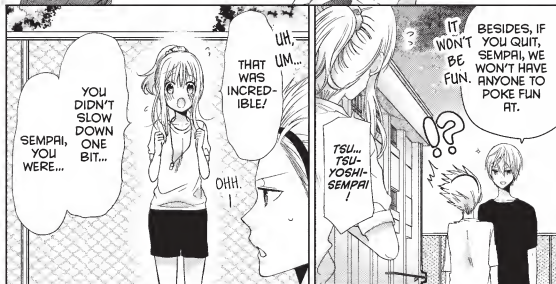
YOU
ALWAYS GET
BAITED BY
THE TALLER
PLAYERS
AND END UP
HAVING TO
MOVE TWICE
AS MUCH.

THAT'D
TIRE
OUT
ANY-
ONE.



YOUR
PASSES
WORK
IN TIGHT
SPACES,
SEMPAI...

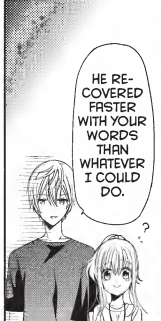
...AND
OUR TEAM
NEEDS
THAT.





...SO
COOL!!





HE RE-
COVERED
FASTER
WITH YOUR
WORDS
THAN
WHATEVER
I COULD
DO.



ARE
YOU
STUPID?!
I DON'T
WANT
SOME
PLAIN
JANE
TELLING
ME
THAT!

STUUUPID!
STUUUPID!



...

GASP



ROBA-
KUN...

YOU
REALLY
GAVE IT
YOUR
ALL FOR
SEMPAI...



I...SAID
WHATEVER I
WAS THINK-
ING WITHOUT
CONSIDERING
ROBA-KUN'S
FEELINGS
AGAIN...

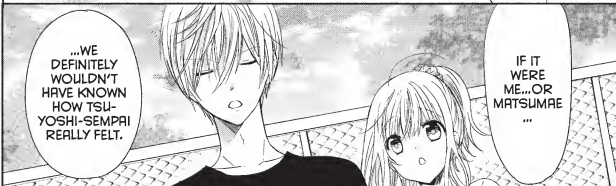
WHAT
YOU
DID...

YOU
REALLY DO
LIKE PLAYING
BASKETBALL
WITH YOUR
FRIENDS,
AFTER ALL!



...BACK
THERE...

...WAS A
LITTLE LIKE
WHAT YOU
DO AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE,
HUH?



...WE
DEFINITELY
WOULDN'T
HAVE KNOWN
HOW TSU-
YOSHI-SEMPAI
REALLY FELT.

IF IT
WERE
ME...OR
MATSUMAE
...

CRUNCH



THE
SUPER-
VISOR
KNOWS.

NO...

BUT THE
SUPER-
VISOR
MUST'VE
ASKED YOU
BECAUSE
YOU CARE
ABOUT
YOUR
FRIENDS.

NOT
AT
ALL...

UH...
NO...

JUNIOR
HIGH...?

AFTER I
MET AOBA-
KUN...?

HE
KNOWS THAT
I WON AT THE
NATIONALS...
WHEN I WAS
IN JUNIOR
HIGH.

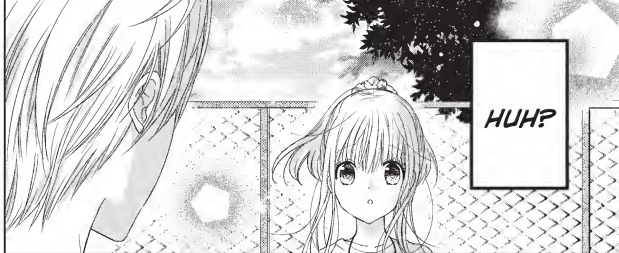
TMP

ホッ

HE DID
SOME-
THING THAT
AMAZING
?!

I DON'T
REALLY
WANT TO
REMEMBER
THOSE DAYS,
THOUGH...





HUH?



MAYBE
THAT'S WHY
I DON'T
REMEMBER
YOU.

STARE



CRUNCH



BADUMP

**HE'S
SO
CLOSE**

...

**"SAKU-
RADA"**

...

**...SEEMS
LIKE IT'D
BE EASY
TO RE-
MEMBER**

....

GASP

**OH MY
GOD...**

UH...

STARE
!!

PAT

YOU
REALLY
DID
YOUR
BEST.

I
SEE...

MY...LAST
NAME...

...WAS
CHANGED.

YOUR
LAST
NAME
...?







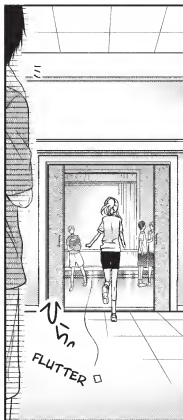
**YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED**

...

**YOU'RE
JUST AS
KIND AS
YOU WERE
THEN...**



**YOU
REALLY
ARE...MY
SPECIAL
PERSON.**



I
WONDER
WHAT
HAPPENED
...

"I DON'T
REALLY
WANT TO
REMEMBER
THOSE
DAYS..."



...AFTER
I TRANS-
FERRED
SCHOOLS.



"...I WILL BE
LEAVING THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM EFFECTIVE
TODAY."

"DUE TO
PERSONAL
CIRCUM-
STANCES
..."



PICK
UP
ヒョウ

IS THIS
SAKU-
RADA-
SAN'S
...?

WHAT
IS THIS?
"NOTICE
OF RE-
SIGNA-
TION"?

退部届

"KOTA..."

"...AOBA"
?"





ONE MORE
WEEK UNTIL
THE RELEASE
OF THE FIRST
VOLUME OF
"AOBA-KUN'S
CONFES-
SIONS"...

WHILE
INTRODUCING
YOU TO THE
MANGA, I'D
LIKE TO
SHOW YOU
MY VARIOUS
LOOKS!

*1.
SCHOOL 
UNIFORM

H-
HELLO.
I'M
MAYO
SAKURADA,
THE MAIN
CHARAC-
TER.



THE LISTENING
HOUSE IS A SHOP
WHERE WE JUST
LISTEN TO THE
CUSTOMER TALK.
EVEN NOW, I
THINK IT'S
STRANGE THAT
SUCH A SHOP
EXISTS. THE
STORY BEGINS
WHEN A CERTAIN
CUSTOMER VISITS
THE SHOP.

500 YEN
FOR 10
MINUTES

I
WORK
PART-
TIME
AT A
SHOP
MY
AUNT
RUNS
CALLED
THE
"LISTEN-
ING
HOUSE".

#2. LISTENING HOUSE
UNIFORM

★
AOBAKUN
NI
KIKITAI
KOTO

THESE ARE ILLUSTRATIONS THAT WERE PUBLISHED ON
TWITTER WHEN THE FIRST VOLUME WAS BEING RELEASED.



time . 6

I WONDER
WHY.

AT THE
PREFECTURAL
ROUNDS, THE TOP
FOUR SCHOOLS
WILL GO ROUND-
ROBIN, AND
THE FIRST AND
SECOND PLACE
FINISHERS WILL
ADVANCE TO THE
NATIONALS...

AND THAT'S ONLY
THE BEGINNING...

ROAD TO THE I.H. NATIONALS

Kanagawa-ken
District Group Preliminaries
Tournament
ABC Groupings

Prefectural Rounds
32 Schools (8 seeds of 4 schools)
The surviving four teams
will advance
Preliminary match-ups
determined by prefecture

KANAGAWA'S
ROUGHLY 200
SCHOOL
BASKETBALL
TEAMS WILL FACE
OFF IN THE PRELIMI-
NARY ROUNDS AT
THE DISTRICT LEVEL...
AND THEN, THE 32
SCHOOLS THAT
COME OUT ON TOP
WILL MOVE ON TO
THE PREFECTURAL
ROUNDS...



STILL,
AOBA-
KUN WON
THE NA-
TIONALS
IN
JUNIOR
HIGH...

WINNING
THE
NATIONAL
IS GONNA
BE SO
HARD...

SIGH
...

AOBA-KUN'S CONFESSIONS



UH...

"I DON'T
REALLY
WANT TO
REMEMBER
THOSE
DAYS..."

HEY!
HURRY
UP AND
PASS
THE
BALL!



STOP
LOOKING
AT ME,
PLAIN
JANE!

GREAT!
HE'S
GOTTEN
HIS
DRIVE
BACK

...IF THEY
COULD
PRACTICE
REDUCING
UNNECES-
SARY MOVE-
MENTS TO
PREVENT
WASTING
ENERGY.

TSUYOSHI
APPAR-
ENTLY
ASKED
THE
SUPER-
VISOR...

SHOCK
!!
RAWR



I
GUESS
YOUR
WORK AT
THE LISTENING HOUSE
KINDA
CAME IN
HANDY,
HUH?

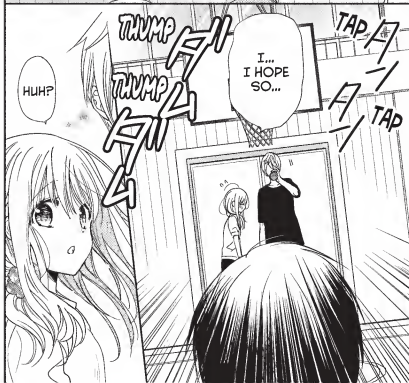


AT THIS
RATE,
TSUYOSHI-
SEMPAI WILL
BE BACK
ON THE
STARTING
LINE-UP IN
NO TIME.



BOBA-
KUN...

BA
DUMP-
...



HUH?

I...
I HOPE
SO...



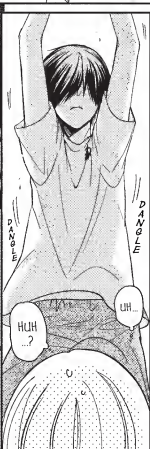
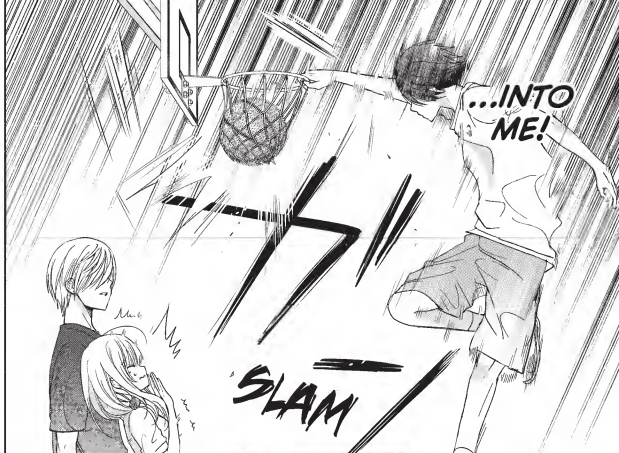
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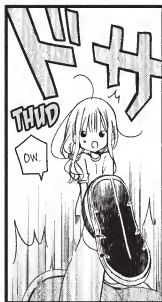
TAP
TAP
TAP

HE...

HE'S
GONNA
CRASH
....







WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, MAN? IT'S PRACTICE NOW!

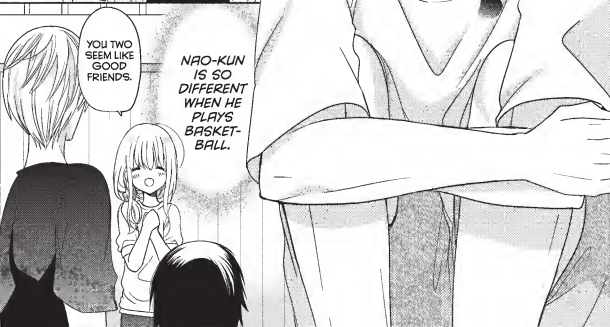


AH/
SORRY,
TSUYOSHI-
SEMPAI!

ANYONE
WHO'S
TALL CAN
EASILY
DO THA—

SHUT
UP!

YOU'RE
AWFUL,
KOTA/
YOU
DIDN'T
REACT TO
MY DUNK
AT ALL.



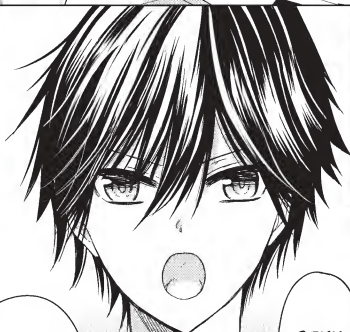
YOU TWO
SEEM LIKE
GOOD
FRIENDS.

NAO-KUN
IS SO
DIFFERENT
WHEN HE
PLAYS
BASKET-
BALL.



WHAT
MAKES
YOU SAY
THAT...?

ぎゅう HUG



STARE

UM...
ER...

I
WOULDN'T
JUST SAY
"GOOD
FRIENDS"...

LET GO
OF ME,
NAO!

SAKU-
RADA-
SAN,

CAN I
TALK TO
YOU IN
PRIVATE
FOR A
MINUTE?

IS
NAO-KUN
STARING ME
DOWN...?

KYOKO MATSUMAE
BORN DECEMBER 16TH
BLOOD TYPE: B
HEIGHT: 161CM
FAVORITE FOOD:
ROLLED OMELETTE
DORAYAKI (RED-BEAN
PANCAKE)



6:30AM
PACKING LUNCH
FOR HER FAMILY



THE
REST
OF YOU,
DON'T
FOLLOW
US.

HUH?

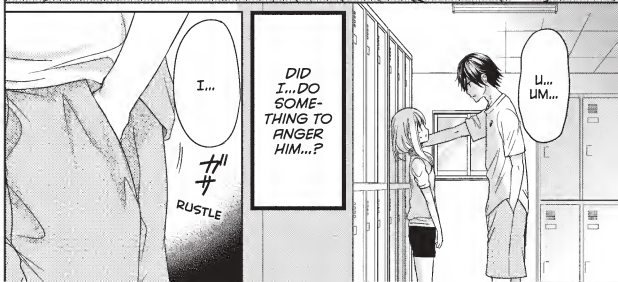


NO.

WHAT
COULD
IT BE?

BEATS
ME.

I'M
CURIOUS,
TOO. DO
YOU
KNOW
ANY-
THING,
ROBA?



!!

...SAW
THAT YOU
DROPPED
THIS!

退
部
届

*NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

AND
IS THIS
REAL?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON
BETWEEN
YOU AND
KOTAR?

WHY
DO YOU
HAVE
THIS,
SAKURA-
DADA-
SAN?

THE
NOTICE
OF
RESIG-
NATION
THAT I
TOOK
FROM
AOBA-
KUN...!





HUH
...?

SO I
DRAGGED
HIM TO
PRACTICE
AND MADE
HIM JOIN
THE TEAM.

WHEN WE
PLAYED
BASKETBALL,
HE SEEMED
TO ENJOY IT...
AND I COULD
TELL HE LIKED
PLAYING...

SO I
THOUGHT
WHAT HE SAID
WAS A JOKE
AND DIDN'T
THINK MUCH
OF IT...

...AND
HE SAID,
"I'LL NEVER
JOIN THE
TEAM."





BUT
SEEING THE
NOTICE OF
RESIGNA-
TION...

...I'M
STARTING
TO THINK HE
MIGHT REALLY
HATE THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM.

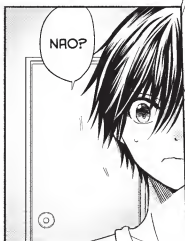


HE'S
DESPER-
ATELY
TRYING
TO GAIN
HIS
TRUST...!

I WANT
TO SOLVE
THAT, AND
AIM FOR
NATIONALS.

BUT IF
THAT'S
TRUE, I
WANT TO
KNOW
WHY...

HE'S
REALLY...
CONCERNED
ABOUT
AOBA-KUN...







**YOU'RE
GOING TO
NATIONALS
WITH ME...**

**...SO I
DON'T
WANT ANY
DISTRAC-
TIONS!**



**IF YOU
AND
I ARE
ON THE
TEAM...**

**...WE
CAN
DO
IT.**

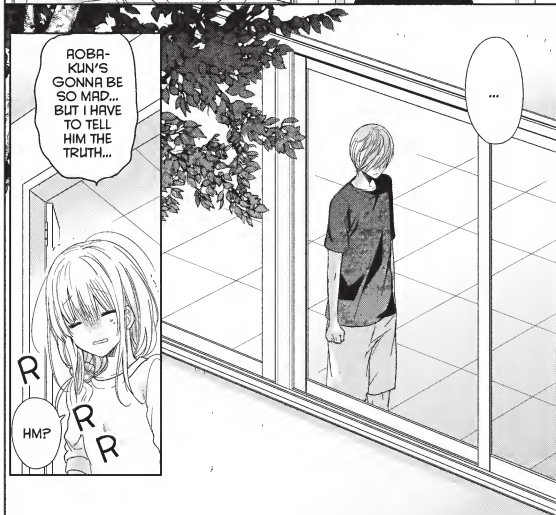


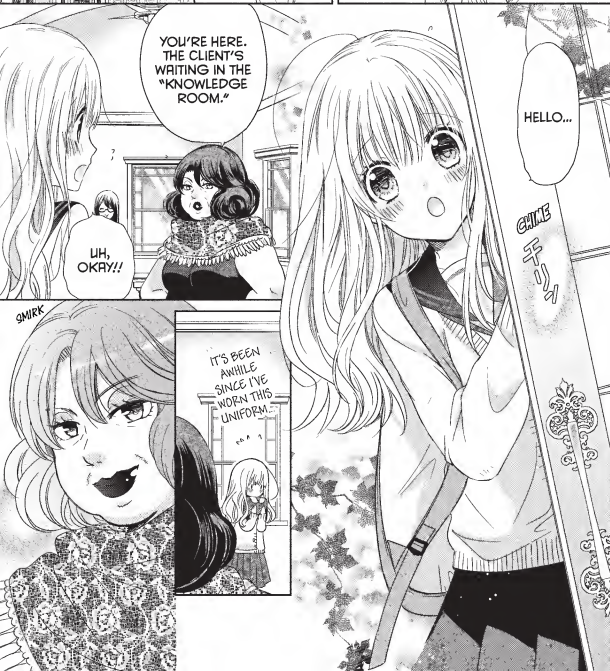
**NA-
TIONALS,
HUH...? I
WONDER
IF WE'LL
MAKE IT
THAT FAR...**

**OUR
SCHOOL'S
APPARENTLY
NEVER
GOTTEN
HIGHER
THAN 8TH
IN THE PRE-
FECTURE.**

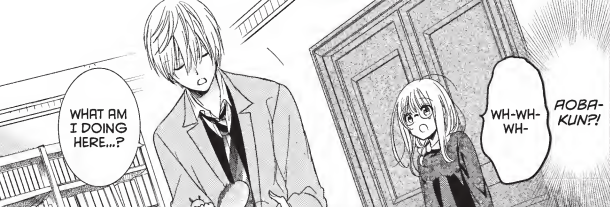
**HA
HA**

KOTA.





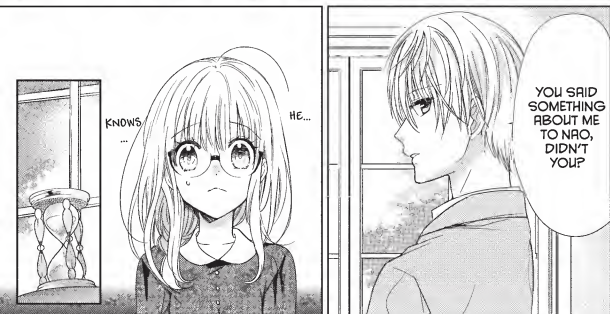




WHAT AM
I DOING
HERE...?

WH-WH-
WH-

AOBA-
KUN?!



KNOWS...

HE...

YOU SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT ME
TO NAO,
DIDN'T
YOU?

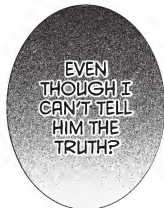
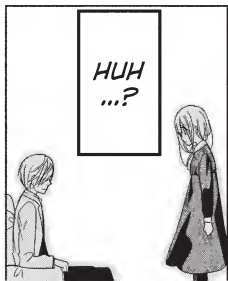
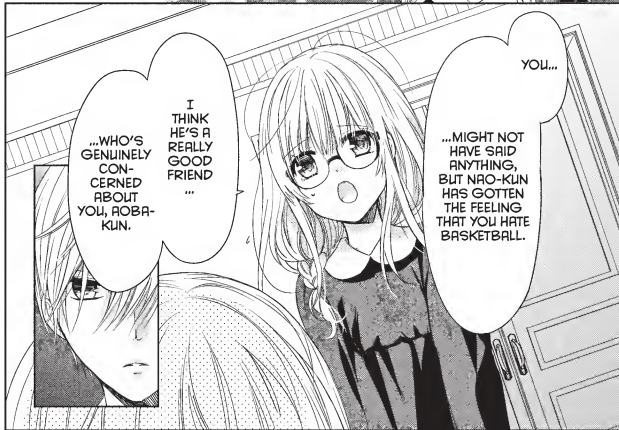
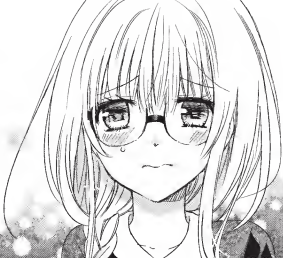


I WAS
WONDERING
WHAT NAO WAS
SUDDENLY IN-
SINUATING...

WELL, IT
WOULD'VE
GOTTEN
OUT AT
SOME
POINT.

I-I'M
SORRY! I
SHOULD'VE
MADE SURE
I WAS
HOLDING
ONTO IT...

I SEE.
SO NAO
SAW THE
NOTICE...





IF I DID, I
WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
STAY...

I TENSED
UP WHEN
NAO TOLD
ME WE WERE
GOING TO
NATIONALS...

I
WANTED
TO TELL HIM
THAT I CAN'T
GO WITH
HIM.

BUT I
COULDN'T.

SUCH
ANGUISH
ON HIS
FACE...

AH!

I
GOTTA
GO!

JOLT 1/0
1/4

UH...
I...



WAIT
...
PLEASE
!!

DON'T
GO!



...BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
HURT A DEAR
FRIEND.

I DON'T
THINK
YOU'RE
ABLE TO
TELL HIM...



...YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO FEEL
THAT WAY
AROUND
ME.

BUT I'M
NOT YOUR
FRIEND,
SO...

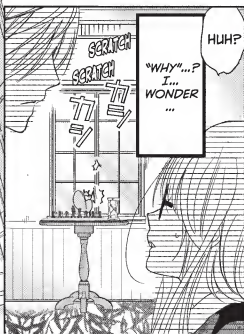


USE
ME...TO
LET OUT
THOSE
PAINFUL
FEELINGS!



'CAUSE
YOU
WORK
AT THE
LISTEN-
ING
HOUSE
?

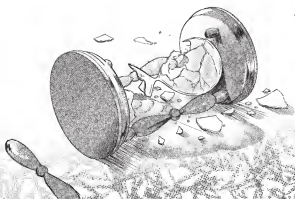
WHY...
WOULD
YOU DO
THAT
FOR ME?



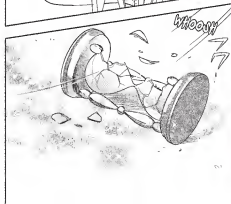


CRACK

THUD





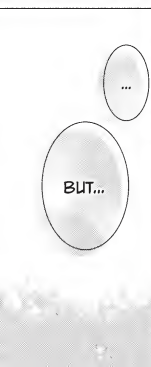




YOU
HAVE...

...SAND
IN YOUR
HAIR.

サ
ラ TOUCH



BUT...



BA
DUMP

ク



...AND
TELL
YOU MY
FRUSTRA-
TIONS.



...THINK I
UNDER-
STAND
NOW...

I...



I
WONDER
WHY...

...I'M
ABLE TO
VENT TO
YOU...



...WHY I
WANTED
TO KNOW
HIM
MORE.

...WHY I
WANTED
TO LISTEN
TO AOBA-
KUN...

...I HAVE
FEELINGS
FOR
AOBA-
KUN.

IT'S BE-
CAUSE
...

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESIONS



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I LIKE
EVERYONE



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I...
HAVE
FEELINGS
FOR
AOBA-
KUN...

...AND
I'M
SURE
I'VE
ALWAYS
HAD
THEM...

IT'S JUST
THAT I
REALIZED
THEM
NOW.



AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS



I NEVER
THOUGHT
THAT BOY
WOULD
REQUEST
YOU.

EEK!
AUNT
?!
LOOK
AT
YOU!



WELL
DONE,
MAYO!

CLOSE



...WE CAN
USE YOU
AGAIN
FOR THE
BUSINESS.

IF YOUR
SKILLS
HAVE IM-
PROVED...

NO...
THAT
WASN'T
WHAT
TODAY
WAS
ABOUT...

MUMBLE



AS A
LISTEN-
ING
HOUSE
GIRL...?



HUH
?!
YOU
WANT
HIM TO
SHARE
MORE
WITH
YOU AS
A LISTEN-
ING
HOUSE
GIRL,
DON'T YOU?

CAN I
SERIOUSLY
LISTEN TO
ROBA-
KUN...WITH
THESE
FEELINGS
...?

I
WANTED
TO KNOW
MORE
ABOUT
ROBA-KUN,
AND HEAR
WHAT HE
HAD TO
SAY...

...BE-
CAUSE
I HAVE
FEELINGS
FOR
HIM.

ISN'T
THAT...AN
ULTERIOR
MOTIVE
...?

NO
RELATION-
SHIPS
ALLOWED
?!
HUH
?!





...YOU SHOULD AVOID PHONE CALLS AND DATES WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND, AND FOCUS ON PRACTICE AND MAINTAINING YOUR FITNESS LEVEL!

THESE ARE THE SUPERVISOR'S ORDERS!

I'M JUST SAYING THAT, WITH THE INTER-HIGH DISTRICT PRELIMINARIES NEXT WEEK...

I DIDN'T SAY THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED!

MANAGER MATSUMAE! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!



YOU TWO DON'T HAVE GIRLFRIENDS, EITHER!

PFFT!

"FLIRTING"? SEMPAI, SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T GET ANY GIRLS!



HMHP! SEEP? IT'S 'CAUSE YOU KEEP FLIRTING WITH GIRLS.

SERIOUSLY?! MY ONE SOURCE OF COMFORT...



I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU, SO DON'T GET ANY IDEAS!



TH-THAT'S RIGHT... AOKA-KUN DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND...

GASP

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

YOU
JUST
PUR-
POSELY
CHOOSE
NOT TO
GET
ONE,
KYO-
SUKE...

HOW SAD.
I'LL HAVE
TO CANCEL
ALL MY
PLANS
WITH
GIRLS
DURING
OUR
DAYS
OFF.

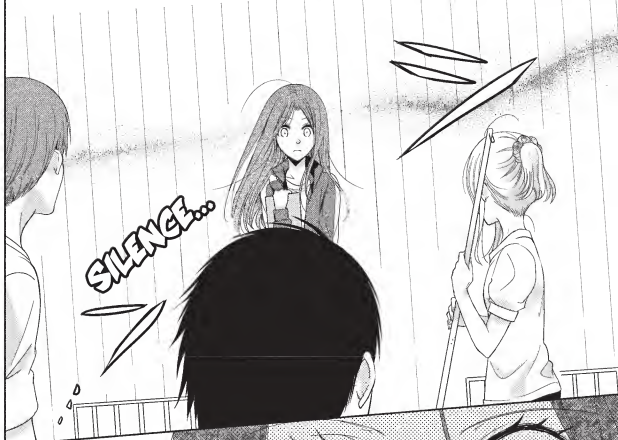
OH, I
DON'T
HAVE A
GIRL-
FRIEND,
EITHER.

Woohy!

IWASE-
KUUUN!

THUMP-!!





SILENCE...

UH...

IN-
CREDIBLE...
MATSU-
MAE'S
THE SAME
AGE AS
ME, BUT
SHE'S SO
TOUGH.

SHE'S
EVEN SO
CONFIDENT
AROUND
THE
SEMPAI.

LET'S
TAPE
THAT
UP.

TRIKI...UH,
CAPTAIN...
YOU HAVE A
BRUISE ON
YOUR LEFT
ARM.

FLUSTERED
1P
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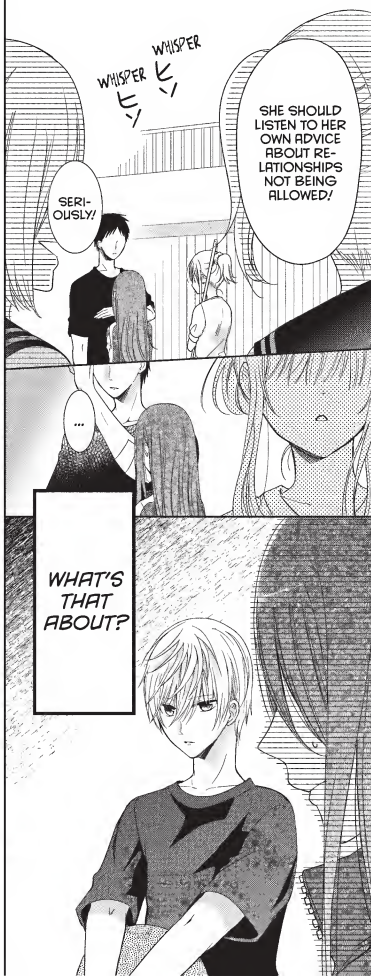
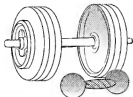
NO
ONE AD-
DRESSES
THEIR
SEMPAI
LIKE THAT.

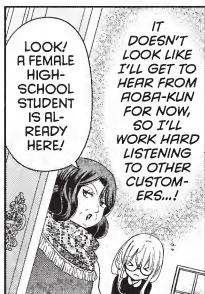
TAIKI IWASE
BORN JANUARY 1ST
BLOOD TYPE: A
HEIGHT: 192CM
FAVORITE FOOD:
UNA-JUU (BROILED EEL
AND RICE SERVED IN
SEPARATE STACKED
BOXES)
YAKINIKU (GRILLED
MEAT)



6:30AM
WEIGHT TRAINING
AT A PARK IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD

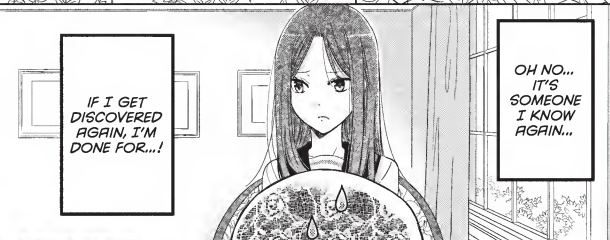
HE LIKES TO COLLECT
DUMBBELLS





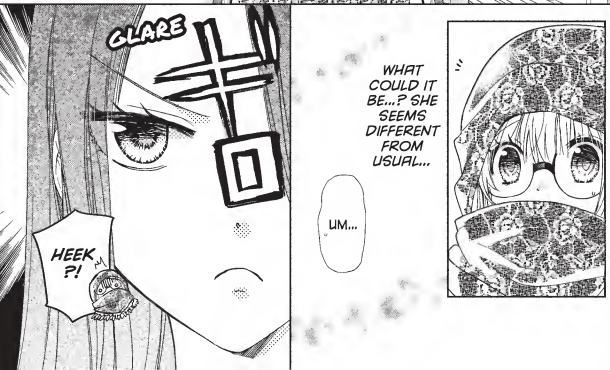


MA-
TSUMAE-
SAN?!



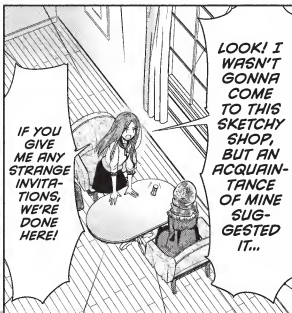
IF I GET
DISCOVERED
AGAIN, I'M
DONE FOR...!

OH NO...
IT'S
SOMEONE
I KNOW
AGAIN...



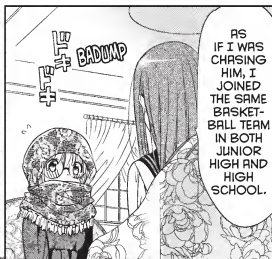
WHAT
COULD IT
BE...? SHE
SEEMS
DIFFERENT
FROM
USUAL...

UM...







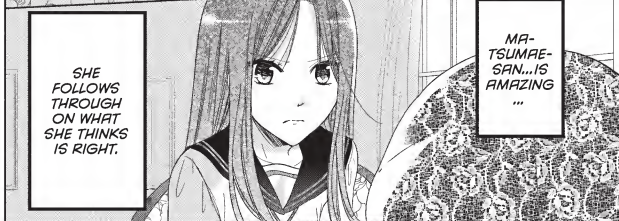




A black and white manga panel showing two young women with long hair standing in front of a large, multi-paned window. The girl on the left is looking at the girl on the right, who is wearing a patterned headscarf and a thick scarf. Both have surprised or excited expressions.

I WANT HIM TO DO WELL IN BASKETBALL, AND I ALSO WANT TO FOCUS ON BEING A MANAGER.

I CAME HERE SO I COULD GET THAT OFF MY CHEST.



A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a young woman with long hair wearing a sailor-style school uniform. She has a serious, slightly sad expression. The background is a simple room with a window.

SHE FOLLOWS THROUGH ON WHAT SHE THINKS IS RIGHT.

MA-TSUMAE-SAN...IS AMAZING
...



A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of the same young woman from the previous panel, looking down with a sad or thoughtful expression. Her hand is visible near her face.

DO YOU...

BUT...



...REALLY
WANT TO
GIVE
HIM UP,
THOUGH?



GASP

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W...
WELL...

SLAM

!!
A
!!

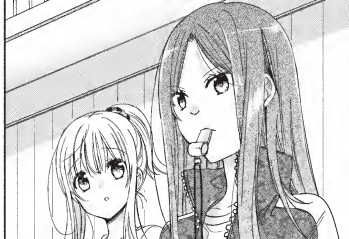
DON'T
YOU
DARE
TELL
ANY-
ONE,
OKAY
?!

ISN'T
THAT
OBVIOUS?
ANYWAY,
HERE! 500
YEN FOR 10
MINUTES!
KEEP THE
RECEIPT!

MA-
TSUMAE-
SAN...

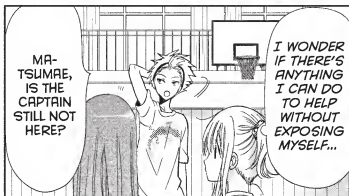
...BUT THE
TRUTH
IS, IT'S
NOT THAT
EASY...

SHE
KNOWS IN
HER HEAD
THAT SHE
SHOULD
GIVE HIM
UP...



I UNDER-
STAND
THAT NOW,
TOO...

FWEEP
to



MA-
TSUMAE,
IS THE
CAPTAIN
STILL NOT
HERE?

I WONDER
IF THERE'S
ANYTHING
I CAN DO
TO HELP
WITHOUT
EXPOSING
MYSELF...



OKAY!
NEXT, WE'RE
GONNA
PRACTICE
DEFENSE!

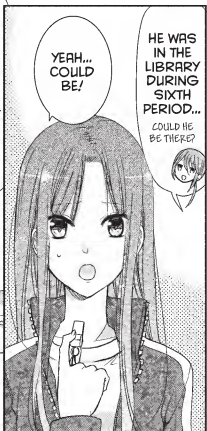
COULD
THE
PERSON
SHE
LIKES
BE...?

"SINCE
WAY
BACK"
...?

SINCE
WAY BACK,
HE'S NEVER
BEEN ABLE
TO PUT
A BOOK
DOWN ONCE
HE STARTS...
I'LL GO
GET HIM.

YEAH...
COULD
BE!

HE WAS
IN THE
LIBRARY
DURING
SIXTH
PERIOD...
COULD HE
BE THERE?





IS
HE COMPLETELY
OBLIVIOUS?
INTERESTING!

CLASS
IS OVER,
IWASE-
KUN!

MM...

HE'S SO
INATTENTIVE TO
EVERYTHING
EXCEPT
BASKETBALL!

HA
HA
HA!



BUT
YOU'RE
AVAILABLE
AFTER THE
DISTRICT
PRELIMINARIES,
NO?

HEY! SO THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM ISN'T
ALLOWED TO
HAVE RELATIONSHIPS
RIGHT NOW,
YEAH?

OH...
CAPTAIN
...





OH,
RIGHT...



YOU
HAVE
PRACTICE
NOW.
PLEASE
HURRY.

TOIT
E
N

**CAPTAIN
!!**



PAT
/ / /
/ / /

THANKS,
KYOKO.



GIGGLE...

SO I
GUESS THE
RUMORS
WERE
TRUE!





THAT
IWASE-KUN
IS FOLLOWED
AROUND BY
THE FIRST-
YEAR MAN-
AGER!



IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU
SEMPRI!

ANNOYED

SHE
GOES
TO SUCH
LENGTHS,
AND IWASE-
KUN STILL
DOESN'T
GIVE HER
THE TIME
OF DAY!

SHE'S
INFAMOUS
AROUND
THE
SECOND-
YEAR
GIRLS!

I MEAN,
SHE'S
HUNG
AROUND
OUR
SCHOOL'S
BASKET-
BALL
TEAM
SINCE
JUNIOR
HIGH,
RIGHT?!



STOP IT!

SO SHE DOES LIKE HIM!

THE TEAM DOESN'T ALLOW RELATIONSHIPS, SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST QUIT ALREADY?



THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE GONNA BE SO ANNOYED!

OKAY, LET'S TELL THEM THAT YOU HAVE PERSONAL REASONS FOR JOINING THE TEAM!



FLUSTERED

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT ...



OF COURSE I DON'T LIKE TAI ...

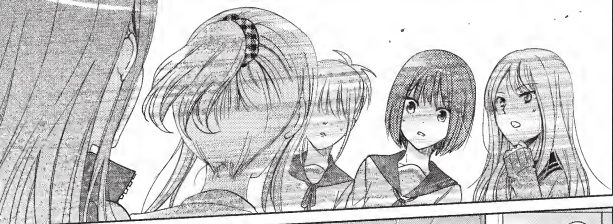


WH...WHAT SHOULD I DO...? SOMEONE HAS TO HELP HER...



**ME,
TOO!**

**I
ALSO
LIKE
TAIKI-
SEMPAI!**





YOU LIKE
FIVE BOYS?
HOW BOY-
CRAZY ARE
YOU?

IT'S
BECAUSE I
LIKE THEM
THAT I CAN
SUPPORT
THEM, AND
DO MY BEST
AS THEIR
MANAGER!

THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG WITH
LIKING YOUR
TEAMMATES!





**YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY...**



**...TO OUR
MANAGER?**



**I...
I MEANT
WHAT I
SAID.**

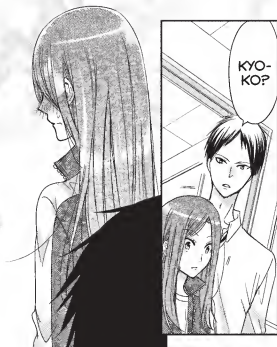
**PEOPLE
ARE
GONNA
START
LOOKING
AT US,
Y'KNOW?!**

**HONESTLY...
YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO
COVER
FOR ME.**

**YOU
THINK
SO?**

**RYOSUKE,
YOU'RE
SCARY,
MAN!**

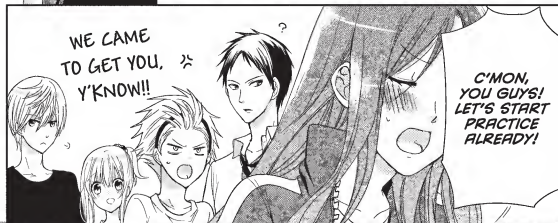
**L...
LET'S
GO!**



KYO-KO?



THEY CAN'T PROHIBIT PEOPLE FROM HAVING FEELINGS.



WE CAME TO GET YOU, ♪
Y'KNOW!!

C'MON, YOU GUYS!
LET'S START PRACTICE ALREADY!



...BUT AS A FRIEND,
IT'S OKAY, RIGHT...?

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LISTENING HOUSE...



THANKS
...



I
REALIZED
THAT
TALKING
TO YOU!

...BY
MAKING
UP A NOBLE
REASON
THAT IT
WASN'T
GONNA
LEAD ANY-
WHERE...

IT SEEMS
THAT...I
TRIED TO
GIVE UP MY
FEELINGS
...

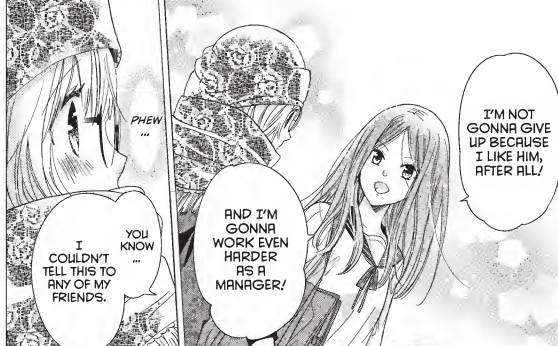


AND ALSO,
BECAUSE OF
SOMETHING
THAT SOME-
ONE ELSE
SAID...



I TAKE
BACK
WHAT
I SAID
EARLIER,
SO JUST
FORGET
IT.

HUH
...?



PHEW ...

YOU KNOW ...
I COULDN'T TELL THIS TO ANY OF MY FRIENDS.

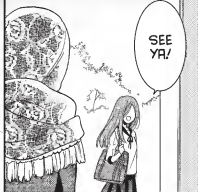
AND I'M GONNA WORK EVEN HARDER AS A MANAGER!

I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP BECAUSE I LIKE HIM, AFTER ALL!

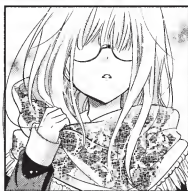


THANKS FOR HEARING ME OUT!

THE LISTENING HOUSE SURE IS A NICE PLACE!



SEE
YA!



THAT'S
THE FIRST
TIME...

...ANY-
ONE'S EVER
THANKED
ME AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE...

SO YOU
SOLVED
IT.

≡//
リ
CRUNCH





I
HAD A
FEELING
YOU'D BE
ABLE TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT
IT...

SORRY
FOR RELY-
ING ON
YOU FOR
SOMETHING
STRANGE
LIKE THIS.



...I...

WHEN
MA-
TSUMAE-
SAN
THANKED
ME, I...



NOT AT
ALL!
I...I'M
GLAD!



THANKS...
TO YOU,
AOBA-
KUN...

...I
FELT LIKE
I FINALLY
HELPED
SOMEONE
AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE...
...AND I
FELT SO
HAPPY.

NOT
AT ALL...
THAT
WAS ALL
YOU.

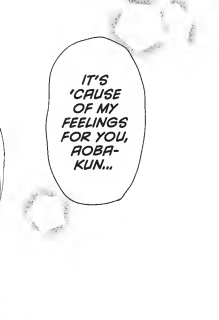
SHAKE
31
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IT'S
ALL
THANKS
TO
AOBA-
KUN...



**...THAT
I CAN DO
MY BEST
AT THE
LISTENING
HOUSE AND
ON THE
TEAM...!**

**IT'S
'CAUSE
OF MY
FEELINGS
FOR YOU,
AOBA-
KUN...**



WHAT...?

はっ GASPI!



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ME TOO



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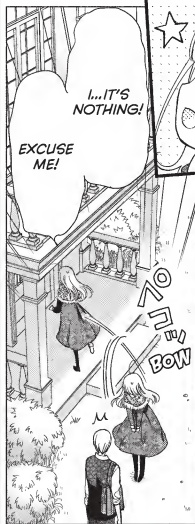
HUH?

WH...
WHAT I
MEANT
TO SAY...

IT'S
'CAUSE
OF MY
FEELINGS
FOR YOU,
AOBA-
KUN...



I TOLD
HIM MY
FEELINGS
FOR HIM
IN THE
SPUR
OF THE
MOMENT
...!



!...IT'S
NOTHING!

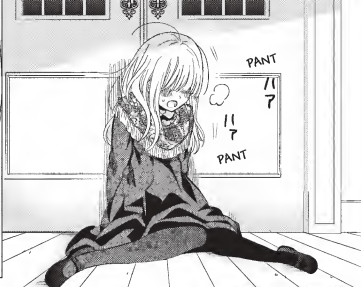
EXCUSE
ME!



UH

SAY THAT
AGAIN? YOU
SPEAK SO
QUIETLY THAT
I CAN'T HEAR
YOU.

AOBA-KUN'S
CONFESSIONS





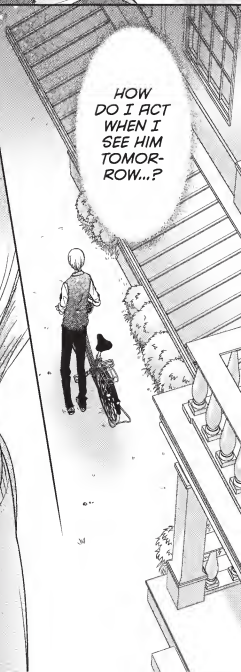
IT'S LIKE MY
THOUGHTS
TAKE FORM
...

...AND
I CAN'T
TAKE
THEM
BACK...

SAYING
THE WORDS
AND THINK-
ING THEM
IS TOTALLY
DIFFERENT.



HOW
DO I ACT
WHEN I
SEE HIM
TOMOR-
ROW...?



SO MANY TEAMS...

SO IF WE COME OUT ON TOP, WE CAN GO TO THE NATIONALS...

1. 南条 雅
2. 大沢 凉
3. 田村 浩
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EVERYONE! THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE DISTRICT PRELIMINARIES IS HERE!

onal Inter-High Basketball Tournament
anagawa Prefecture Preliminary Round

South Hiratsuka
2 West Kamakura
3 Osawahama
4 Yurihama
5 Komiya
Isenuma
7 Shonan-Fujikura
8 Higashi-Koiso
9 Takadai
10 Central Hiratsuka
Sagami

YOU'RE
RIGHT...

GIMME
THAT!

OUR
SECOND
GAME IS
AGAINST
SOUTH
HIRA-
TSUKA!

SERI-
OUSLY
?!

THEY
APPAR-
ENTLY
HAVE A
BEAUTI-
FUL
MAN-
AGER,
TOO.

THAT
GUY WON THE
NATIONALS IN
JUNIOR HIGH,
DIDN'T HE?

THEY'RE A
STRONG
TEAM TO
BEGIN WITH,
BUT APPAR-
ENTLY AN
AMAZING
FIRST-YEAR
STUDENT
HAS JOINED
THEM!

AOBA-
KUN?

GASP

SO
HE'S
THERE,
HUH...

KYOSUKE KAZANUMA
BORN MAY 21ST
BLOOD TYPE: O
HEIGHT: 180CM
FAVORITE FOOD:
BOLOGNESE
SASHIMI



6:30AM

SINCE HE'S TERRIBLE AT
WAKING UP, HE TAKES A
SHOWER IN THE MORN-
ING TO FEEL REFRESHED.

MY
FAMILY
RUNS A
COFFEE
SHOP!





HEY,
SAKURADA.

!!
YES
?!

BA
DUMP

AOBA-
KUN
SURE
DOES
STICK
OUT...

I
WONDER
WHAT
HE'S
DOING.

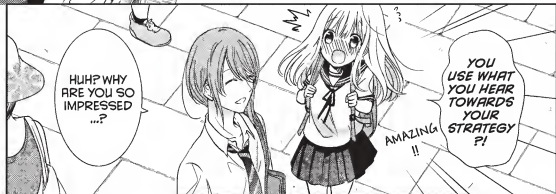
THERE'S
A 90%
CHANCE OF
RAIN WITH A
CHANCE OF
THUNDER-
STORMS.

WE
SHOULD
HEAD
BACK,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

TOTALLY
SERIOUS

Kanagawa
CLOUDY / RAIN
Chance of Rain
90%









I HOPE
PEOPLE
WILL OPEN
UP TO ME
SO I CAN
BE USE-
FUL TO
EVERYONE,
TOO...

SO
SHE REALLY
LISTENS TO
OTHERS,
HUH...



SO WHO
EXACTLY IS
THIS TOUGH
FIRST-YEAR
STUDENT?

...MAKES
MY HEART
SKIP A
BEAT, LET
ALONE
LISTENING
TO HIM
SPEAK...

NO WAY,
JUST
LOOKING
AT HIM...

CLENCH



WHAT
?!

...AND SOME
CALL HIM THE
UPCOMING
STAR OF THE
BASKETBALL
WORLD.

IT SEEMS
HE'S THE
SON OF A
FAMOUS
BASKET-
BALL
PLAYER.

SIGH

OH/
THEN...



**THAT'S
NOT
GONNA
HAPPEN
!**



...LET'S
HAVE ROBA
OR NAO
FACE OFF
AGAINST
HIM AS A
FELLOW
FIRST-
YEAR!



A...
ROBA-
KUN?

GASP



**ビ
ク
ッ
JOLT**



I WAS
HAVING
SO MUCH
FUN THAT
I DIDN'T
NOTICE,
BUT...

...SOME-
THING
SEEMS...
STRANGE
ABOUT
AOBA-
KUN...



WE'RE
GOING
THERE TO
GET INFO
ON THE
ENEMY,
NOT
SHOW
THEM
WHAT
OUR
HAND
IS.



MY
BAD.

YEAH,
HE
HAS A
POINT.



MAYBE
NOT...

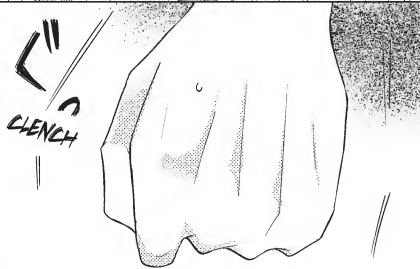
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BLANCE
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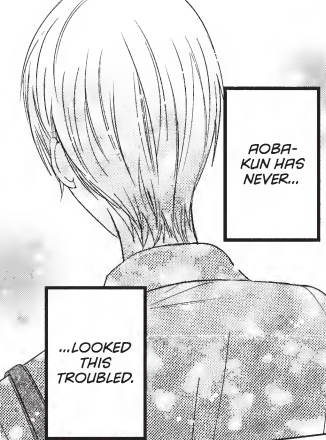


WE'RE
GETTING
ON THIS
ONE.

MAYBE
IT'S
JUST MY
IMAGINA-
TION...

THE
TRAIN
BOUND
FOR
UTSUNO-
MIYA IS
ARRIVING
ON LINE 2.





AOBA-KUN HAS NEVER...

...LOOKED THIS TROUBLED.

I WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN THAT I DIDN'T HEAR HIM.

I DIDN'T HEAR AOBA-KUN'S WORDS ...

I'M OUT.

WE SHOULD HEAD BACK, DON'T YOU THINK?

SO OBLIVIOUS...



WHAT AM I DOING?

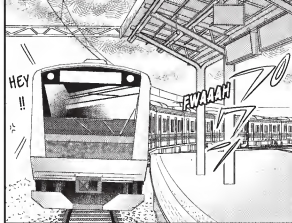


...TO
HIS
CRIES
FOR
HELP!

HEY!

ROBA-
KUN AND
I FORGOT
SOME-
THING, SO
YOU ALL
GO ON
WITHOUT
US!

HUH
?!



あ

SAKU-
RADA...

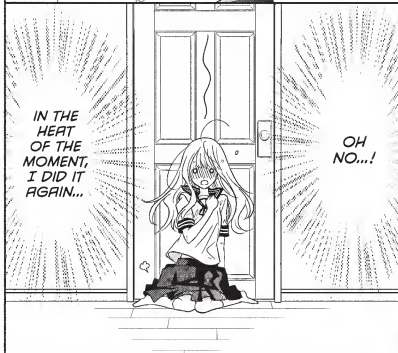
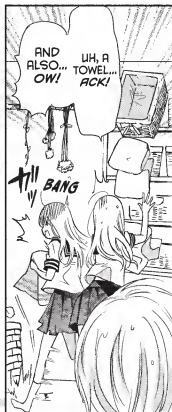
...TO THE
PROBLEM
HE CAN'T
SHARE?

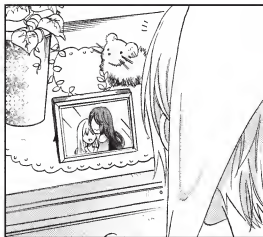
?!

OH NO.
WHAT IF
EVERYONE
COMES
BACK...?

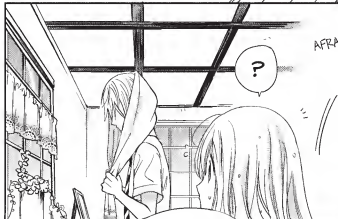
THE
WEATHER
REPORT...
WAS DEAD
ON.







BUT...I
CAN'T
LEAVE
HIM BE.

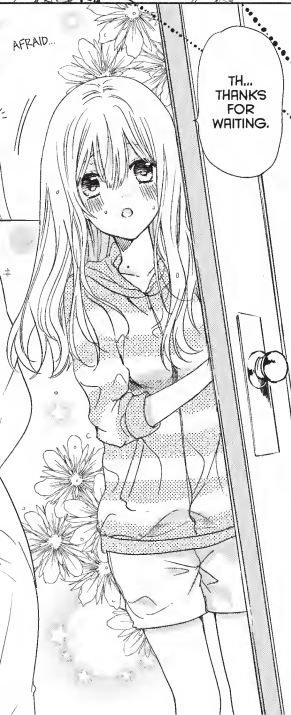


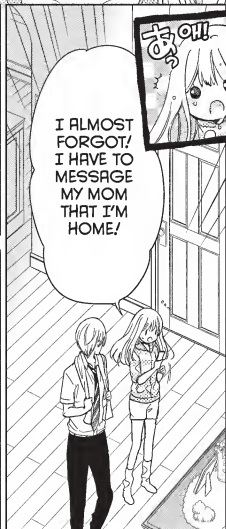
AFRAID...

?

TH...
THANKS
FOR
WAITING.

OH,
SORRY.
I WAS
LOOKING
AT YOUR
PHOTOS.



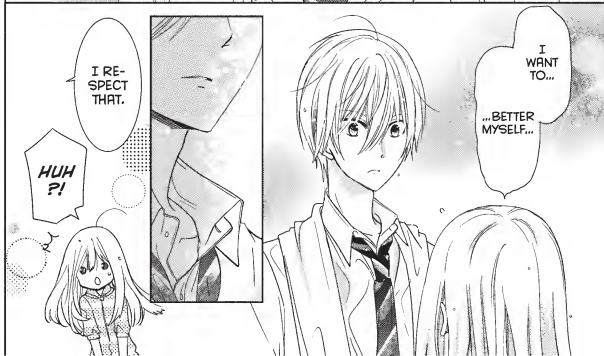






I'M SO
ATTRACT-
ED TO
AOBA-
KUN'S
EYES...

GLANCE



I RE-
SPECT
THAT.

HUH
?!

I
WANT
TO...

...BETTER
MYSELF...



SST

...THE
ONE
BEHIND
AOBA-
KUN'S
WORRIES
?!

HEY
...!!

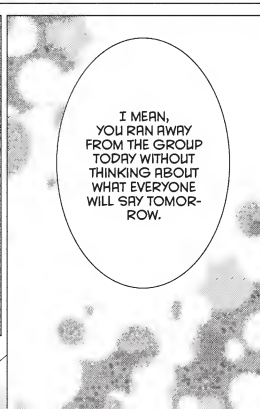
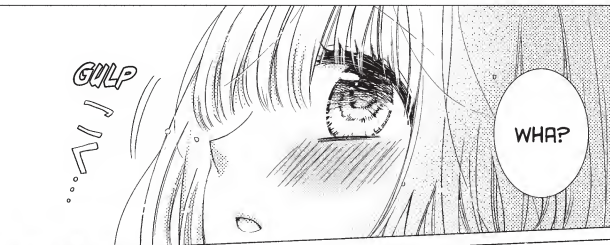
KABOOM

HUH?!



IT'S
STILL THE
MIDDLE OF
THE DAY. YOUR
EYES WILL
ADJUST TO
THE DARK.





THAT'S WHY...

YOU'RE THE ONE... WHO LISTENS TO ME MOST OFTEN...

I SHOULDN'T PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR YOU...JUST TO SPARE YOU YOUR FEELINGS.

EA DUMP
...
EA DUMP

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EA DUMP
...
EA DUMP



I
CAN'T
...
...RECI-
PRO-
CATE...



I HEARD
WHEN YOU
SAID THAT
YOU LIKED
ME, SAKU-
RADA...

...A
PERSON'S
KINDNESS...
OR EXPECT-
TATIONS
...



HE...
HEARD
...?



**I'M
SORRY...**

**IT'S
A
A
A
A**



IN THIS VOLUME, OTHER CHARACTERS BESIDES ROBA-KUN TOOK CENTER STAGE.

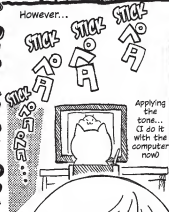
HELLO! THIS IS TOYAMA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PICKING UP THE SECOND VOLUME!



The utterly unbecoming Listening House uniform

AFTER-WORD

However...



Applying the tone... (I do it with the computer now)

BY THE WAY, IN ORDER TO DRAW ROBA-KUN SO IT LOOKS LIKE THE SWEET ADOLESCENT MANGA THAT IT IS, I MADE IT A GOAL TO USE AS LITTLE SCREEN TONE (THE DOTTED PATTERNS) AS POSSIBLE.

GASP!
I'VE APPLIED SO MUUUCH!!

The extra story starts on the next page!

ANYWAY, WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO MAYO, WHO'S BEEN REJECTED BY ROBA? AND WHO'S THE MYSTERY GIRL? I HOPE WE'LL GET TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN IN THE THIRD VOLUME!

THAT HAPPENED QUITE OFTEN... SO I STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN. I'VE ALSO STARTED USING LIGHT COLORING!! ALTHOUGH THERE'S A LOT I HAVE TO IMPROVE ON WITH THIS, TOO... IT'S TRIAL-AND-ERROR EVERY TIME.



WHOA!

EXTRA STORY

~ ONE DAY IN THE
LOCKER ROOMS ~

! SEE...

AP-
PARENTLY
IT'S RARE
FOR THE
SHOWERS
TO HAVE
WARM
WATER.

THAT'S
RIGHT. THAT'S
THE ONLY
GOOD
THING
ABOUT
THIS
SCHOOL.

I
HAD
NO
IDEA...

THE
LOCKERS
HAVE
SHOWERS
!

SIGH...

FSSSHHH

THEN, I
WONDER IF
AOBA-KUN
IS WARMING
HIMSELF
UP RIGHT
AROUND
NOW.



KOTA,
SCRUB
MY BACK,
WILL
YOU?



IT'S FINE.
YOU'RE
SUCH A
PRUDE!

I TOLD
YOU
NOT TO
BARGE
IN LIKE
THAT!



I FEEL
ALIVE
AGAIN...

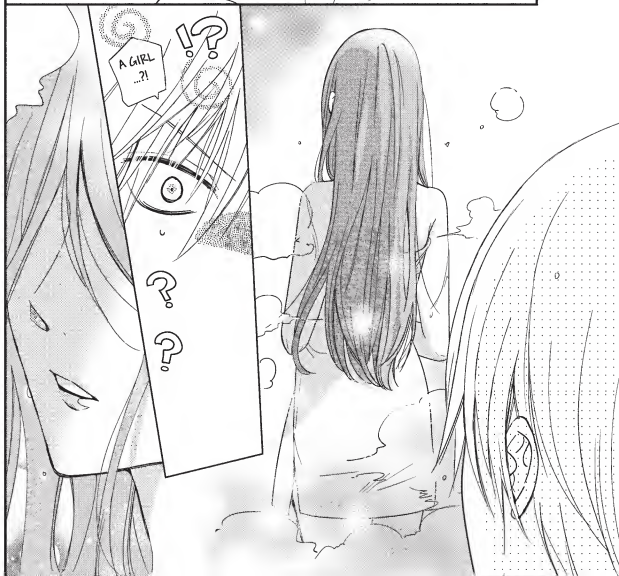
ガッ
FSSSHHH



IT'S
TOO
WARM
FOR
COM-
FORT!

HEY,
YOU
FIRST-
YEARS!

DON'T
FLIRT
WITH
EACH
OTHER
IN TIGHT
SPACES
LIKE
THIS!



Before

WHAT'S
THE MAT-
TER, YOU
THREE?

HUH?



★ THE END ★

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